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Information and Privacy Coordinator
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, DC 20505

Dear Sir:

Under 5 U.S.C., 552 the Freedom of Information Act, as amended, we would appreciate access to all materials relating to C.I.A. and U.S. government involvement with clergy or religious organizations.

This should include, but not be limited to all official C.I.A. regulations, policies and guidelines for establishing contact and undertaking cooperative efforts with clergy or other representatives of religious organizations in the United States or in other countries.

It should include, but not be limited to all other materials, documents, memoranda, notes, correspondence etc. that would provide a historical perspective on C.I.A. and U.S. government activities involving American or foreign clergy or religious organizations.

It should include, but not be limited to any and all materials showing cooperative efforts between the C.I.A. or other U.S. government agents or agencies and American clergy or religious organizations in the United States or around the world aimed at gathering intelligence, disseminating information, or carrying out other intelligence operations through religious services or other religious activities including international famine and disaster relief efforts, through the dissemination of religious publications or print journalism, or through gospel, evangelical or other religious radio or television broadcasting enterprises in the United States or in other countries.

It should include, but not be limited to a complete list of any American-based or foreign religious figures or organizations that were at one time or are now broadcasting over C.I.A. owned or supported television or radio networks or stations anywhere in the world, and all documents, correspondence, memoranda, notes etc. relating to these figures or organizations and their activities in this area.

Please send us a complete list of all materials in the above areas. We request that all fees be waived as this information is requested for possible publication in a book we are writing and is in the public

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interest for social and historical purposes.

We would like to emphasize that we have no interest in compromising U.S. national interests, and we agree to comply fully with any restrictions you may impose on access to material for national security reasons. We do, however, reserve the right to challenge the withholding of any materials pertinent to this request for arbitrary or unwarranted reasons. We request that, in your list, you provide us with a detailed description of any materials in your files which you seek to withhold for reasons of national security. Also, if any documents on the above subjects have been destroyed, please give the names of those officials responsible for the destruction and written reasons for the destruction.

We will be in the Washington area in early March and would like to have access at that time to all materials relating to this request.

Should we not receive a substantive response within ten working days, we will consider this request denied and will appeal.

If you have any questions about this request, please feel free to contact us at the above address. Thank you very much for your cooperation. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

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